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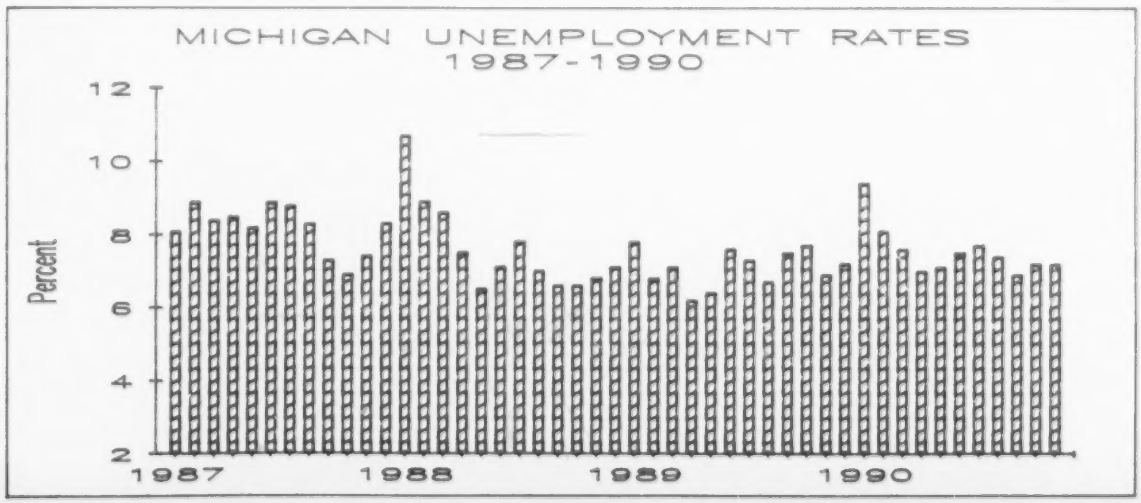
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HOLDS STEADY

Michigan's unemployment rate remained unchanged in the month of November, as the jobless rate steadied at 7.2 percent. Although the unemployment rate did not change, it represented 1,000 fewer individuals out of work, as total local residents seeking employment fell to 326,000. The slight drop in joblessness was primarily a result of pre-holiday retail hiring that offset losses in the manufacturing industries. Total employment in November registered a drop as the number of employed area residents fell by 18,000 to reach 4,218,000. Additionally, the civilian labor force declined to 4,545,000, a decrease of 18,000. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has shrunk by 120,000, while the size of the labor force has contracted by 115,000. In November 1989, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 322,000, representing an unemployment rate of 6.9 percent.

STATE WIDE JOB LEVEL DECLINES

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Michigan fell as industry jobs declined to 3,896,000 in November. Employment opportunities decreased by approximately 47,000 as losses were centered in both the goods producing and service producing sectors of the economy. Total employment in the goods producing industries diminished by 44,000 primarily as a result of declines in the construction and manufacturing industries. Service producing employment slipped by 4,000 to 2,852,000 in November, as the trade and services industries showed marginal setbacks. Public sector positions increased by 4,000, all going to local government. Since November 1989, industry employment in Michigan has decreased by 53,000 positions or 1.3 percent. Approximately 70,000 goods producing jobs have been lost throughout the year, while service producing employment expanded by 17,000.



Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	NOV 1990	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	NOV 1989
PLACE OF RESIDENCE *				
Civilian Labor Force	4545	4563	4579	4660
Employment	4218	4236	4265	4338
Unemployment	326	327	315	322
Rate	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.9
PLACE OF WORK *				
Wage and Salary Employment	3896	3943	3919	3949
Goods Producing Industries	1044	1088	1097	1114
Construction	135	143	144	145
Manufacturing	900	936	944	958
Durable Goods	670	698	708	722
Lumber and Wood Products	15	16	16	15
Furniture and Fixtures	36	36	36	36
Stone, Clay and Glass	18	18	18	18
Primary Metals	41	43	43	44
Fabricated Metals	118	122	122	124
Industrial Machinery	119	121	122	124
Electrical Machinery	32	32	33	34
Transportation Equipment	266	284	292	300
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	247	266	274	281
Nondurable Goods	231	238	236	237
Food and Kindred Products	46	49	48	46
Textiles and Apparel	19	21	21	21
Paper and Allied Products	20	20	20	21
Printing and Publishing	46	45	45	45
Chemicals and Allied Products	45	45	45	45
Rubber and Misc. Plastics	49	52	51	53
Service Producing Industries	2852	2856	2822	2835
Trans., Comm. and Utilities	152	154	156	153
Wholesale Trade	199	199	200	202
Durable Goods	126	126	126	130
Nondurable Goods	73	74	74	72
Retail Trade	732	729	725	734
General Merchandise Stores	112	108	106	118
Food Stores	103	103	103	101
Auto. Dealers and Serv. Stns.	77	78	78	79
Apparel and Access. Stores	41	40	40	43
Eating and Drinking Places	255	258	257	248
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	192	193	193	189
Services	921	930	927	905
Hotels and Lodging Places	31	34	35	31
Personal Services	39	39	39	38
Business Services	176	178	178	175
Health Services	296	296	296	289
Social Services	63	62	60	59
Government	655	651	621	653
Federal	61	61	61	62
State	176	176	165	171
Local	418	414	396	420
Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics - 1989 Benchmark.
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the cooperative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program - March 1989 Benchmark.
Suppressed data included in: X=Totals, A=Other Durable Goods, B=Other Nondurable Goods.
Due to the suppression of data, the industry estimates do not sum to the total wage and salary estimate.
*** DATA IS IN THOUSANDS**

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits increased for the second consecutive month in November. The regular benefits claims load averaged 102,943 per week during the month, approximately 13,505 more than the October total. The 15.1 percent increase was primarily due to losses in the auto and related industries. In November 1989, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 95,754.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Michigan			Detroit		
	Total	Initial	Continued	Total	Initial	Continued
November 03, 1990	119,000	23,100	95,900	41,500	6,400	35,100
November 10, 1990	128,100	20,800	107,300	48,600	7,400	41,200
November 17, 1990	169,900	33,900	136,000	71,100	15,100	56,000
November 24, 1990	152,500	24,800	127,700	53,400	9,800	43,600

DETROIT AREA COST OF LIVING MOVES UPWARD

Consumer prices in the Detroit metropolitan area increased from 129.4 in August to 131.8 in October. The increase in Detroit area prices was primarily due to higher costs for transportation and apparel and upkeep. Prices in the area climbed by 5.8 percent since October 1989, when the consumer price index stood at 124.6. At the national level, the cost of living advanced by two-tenths of a percent to reach 133.8 during the month. The higher national prices were due to additional costs for transportation and medical care. Between November 1989 and November 1990, national consumer prices increased by 6.3 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 125.9. Note: Beginning in January 1987, the Consumer Price Indexes were shifted to a new reference base year. All indexes expressed on a 1967=100, were rebased to 1982-1984=100.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan workers in manufacturing industries decreased to 40.3 hours in November. The decrease occurred primarily as a result of fewer hours worked by individuals in the auto and auto-related industries. During the month average hourly earnings dropped by fourteen cents to $13.98, while average weekly earnings decreased by $42.36 to total $563.39. In November 1989, earnings averaged $13.65 an hour or $578.76 per week for a 42.4 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Hourly Earnings a/		
	Nov 1990	Oct 1990	Nov 1989	Nov 1990	Oct 1990	Nov 1989	Nov 1990	Oct 1990	Nov 1989
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$563.39	$605.75	$578.76	40.3	42.9	42.4	$13.98	$14.12	$13.65
DURABLE GOODS	593.62	646.47	611.15	40.3	43.3	42.5	14.73	14.93	14.38
Primary Metal Products	602.53	652.93	599.39	41.1	43.5	42.3	14.66	15.01	14.17
Fabricated Metal Products	561.82	599.52	563.05	40.8	43.1	41.8	13.77	13.91	13.47
Industrial Machinery	564.16	598.25	583.80	41.0	43.7	43.6	13.76	13.69	13.39
Electrical Machinery	493.16	515.09	478.80	41.2	43.8	42.0	11.97	11.76	11.40
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	707.44	792.04	734.87	39.5	44.1	43.0	17.91	17.96	17.09
NONDURABLE GOODS	471.55	480.15	476.15	40.2	41.5	42.1	11.73	11.57	11.31
Construction	584.95	601.02	560.90	36.4	37.4	35.5	16.07	16.07	15.80
Department Stores	189.47	192.92	183.58	27.7	27.6	27.4	6.84	6.99	6.70

a/ Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
NOVEMBER 1990 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
United States	124,821,000	117,611,000	7,211,000	5.8
Michigan	4,545,000	4,218,000	326,000	7.2
Major Labor Markets				
Ann Arbor MSA	165,200	158,900	6,300	3.8
Battle Creek MSA	65,600	61,700	3,900	5.9
Benton Harbor MSA	77,400	72,400	5,000	6.4
Detroit MSA	2,132,000	1,982,000	151,000	7.1
Flint MSA	181,800	159,500	22,300	12.3
Grand Rapids MSA	373,500	352,400	21,200	5.7
Jackson MSA	65,000	60,200	4,800	7.4
Kalamazoo MSA	119,200	114,000	5,100	4.3
Lansing MSA	240,600	229,200	11,400	4.8
Muskegon MSA	67,400	61,300	6,100	9.1
Saginaw-Bay-Midland MSA	188,100	174,300	13,800	7.3
Upper Peninsula LMA	138,600	125,100	13,600	9.8
Major Counties (18,000+)				
Allegan	58,500	55,225	3,250	5.6
Barry	22,750	21,275	1,475	6.5
Bay	53,675	49,975	3,700	6.9
Cass	24,000	22,225	1,800	7.5
Clinton	30,825	29,275	1,550	5.0
Eaton	53,375	50,875	2,500	4.7
Grand Traverse	35,650	33,500	2,125	6.0
Gratiot	19,350	18,050	1,300	6.7
Hillsdale	19,900	18,400	1,500	7.5
Ingham	156,425	149,025	7,400	4.7
Ionia	19,850	17,625	2,225	11.3
Isabella	33,725	32,425	1,300	3.9
Kent	272,225	256,800	15,425	5.7
Lapeer	34,225	30,700	3,550	10.4
Lenawee	44,475	40,350	4,125	9.3
Livingston	54,800	52,000	2,800	5.1
Macomb	371,325	346,125	25,200	6.8
Marquette	31,325	28,075	3,250	10.3
Midland	36,200	34,500	1,700	4.7
Monroe	63,925	58,925	5,000	7.8
Montcalm	23,100	20,150	2,950	12.7
Oakland	571,600	542,100	29,500	5.2
Ottawa	101,300	95,550	5,725	5.7
Saginaw	98,250	89,850	8,400	8.6
St. Clair	66,125	60,600	5,525	8.4
St. Joseph	27,000	24,300	2,700	10.0
Sanilac	19,950	18,000	1,925	9.7
Shiawassee	34,775	31,425	3,350	9.6
Tuscola	25,000	22,600	2,425	9.7
Van Buren	33,650	30,950	2,700	8.0
Wayne	970,075	891,075	79,000	8.1

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